

The Bloomfield Record.

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Nominating Candidates.

There seems to be some reticence or apathy in the coming nominees for Senator, Assemblyman and Sheriff, without naming any particular candidates, insists that either the Senator or Sheriff should come from the township. The Gazette would make a note of asserting in the suburban Republican camp as follows:

From the general tone of Republican politics in this county, it would seem as if New York was perfectly willing for the township to have either the Senator or Sheriff, and that they would give the township first choice; this sounds very just now, but will probably result as before in the township feeling satisfied that they can have some important offices, and only wake up when they find the convention and find the Sheriff. If New York wants the township, let the township elect the Sheriff, if New York wants the township, let the township elect the Sheriff, if New York wants the township, let the township elect the Sheriff.

We would not depreciate, nor go back upon any rights the township may have to a "fair representation," but the plan of meeting out candidates for such important offices as State Senator, according to strict party rules of equity, at this time when the best possible timber is needed in the construction of the legislature, does not seem to be the best one. The paramount question is not: From what township or town shall the party be restricted in selecting a candidate for Senator? But rather: Who is the gentleman, no matter where he hails from, who is best fitted to represent Essex County in the next Legislature? This is a question of vital importance when we consider the kind of legislation which the State currently requires just now under the amended Constitution. Both political parties should be willing to ignore the question of where the candidate hails from, and to select the best man for the job. At any rate, let the prospective candidates be mentioned in due time, that their qualifications as well as claims may be properly canvassed and passed upon.

Sunday Desecration.

The Presbytery of Newark has spoken in a bold and manly way on the Sunday Extension Train inquiry. The ministers have not exceeded the bounds of their proper jurisdiction. Their solemn protest bears forth a righteous utterance against hypocrisy—a trumpet blast which gives no uncertain or mistaken sound. But will the stockholders and managers of the Pennsylvania Railroad, many of whom are church members, regard this ministerial protest? Not regarding it, will they, behind a bulwark of wealth, social position and influence, in any material sense, be considered marked men?

Little Pilgrims' Picnic.

The juvenile department of the Presbyterian Sunday School held their picnic on Saturday last, in the good boat "The Mayflower" provided for them by their friend, Jacob F. Randolph, Esq. We name the boat Mayflower because it was freighted with little pilgrims, descendants of the Puritans.

With the teachers, there were seventy persons of the company. The boat had room for more, but the lobby members of the school had not timely notice, and did not put in an appearance, which disappointment the little children bore with commendable resignation. It was otherwise with that magnificent occasion, of sunny memory, the Jubilee Sunday School Celebration, when the multitudes were out. That man of few words but noble deeds, Mr. Augustus T. Morris, proposed on that occasion to provide a vehicle adequate to carry the Sunday School of his district, and he had carefully counted and provided for every regular attendant; but when the time came, forty lobby members additional were on hand to be provided for, a dilemma to which the multifarious resources of their benefactor was quite adequate. All were amply accommodated. In our Mayflower, the lobby members were provided for, both in room and provisions, for so we hoped to enlist them as regular members.

There seems to be a sort of Melchisedek mystery in the minds of the children about the genealogical tables of their benefactor, Mr. Randolph. How could he have lived in Bloomfield a contemporary of his great grandfather, and be so young and active, is their problem. But this he can be sure of: he is shaping his destiny to live in the love and sunny

memories of the children as long beyond his day as he dates his life backward. The leader of the company was Mr. Wynman, their Superintendent; he was among them like a shepherd; meekness clothed him like a garment, but the serene pleasure which rested on his face told how amply he felt repaid for the care and pains he was taking for their safety and pleasure.

The beautiful day—the careful teachers—the happy children—the obliging captain and his aids—the industrious driver—the sleek "Missionary Mules,"—the more than ample provisions—the delightful voyage—the safe return—the hearty vote of thanks to those who had aided them to so glad a day—and the grateful emotions to the kind Father in heaven for his protecting love, left no more to be asked for. At 3:30 P. M. the little pilgrims landed and separated to their several homes.

Town Affairs.

Bloomfield, Oct. 12, 1875.

Mr. Editor: I agree with you heartily in the position you took last week in regard to gas and other improvements. Our town affairs begin to need looking after. This burning up of \$8,000 or \$9,000 every year in gas that perishes in the sidewalks and while we are not creditable to us as an intelligent community. We ought to know better, or, at least, do better. It is certainly surprising that the people of Bloomfield have then for submitted to be taxed so expensively for that which, in a great degree, is unneeded for.

The gas improvement, as you say, not only shuts out the prospect of other and very necessary improvements, but it has, really, it seems, deprived us of a good thing. For instance, two years ago we had a good plank walk leading from the depot to Linden avenue, but it was torn up, and has never been replaced. Indeed, we have, to be sure, the gas lamps to light us through the dark and over the stones! How much better off we are by the way!

Let us endeavor this winter to get a law similar to that of Montclair, so that the people or a majority on each street, shall properly regulate the burning of gas. Such a law would be just and right. It would take from our township clerk an element of strife which ought not to be permitted to use its influence, moneyed or otherwise, to control the ballots of our citizens. The people should be masters, not servants,—riders and not ridden.

A township community should have somewhere near the same latitude in regard to regulating its financial and other affairs that individuals have. If, because the times are hard, I find it necessary to choose to economize, there is no law and no choice to economize, as a citizen I have no such right. Although all or nearly all of us feel the pressure of the times, yet we cannot help ourselves, so far as the gas tax is concerned. There is no economy at all in this. We must burn as much gas as we can get, and the people become thoroughly aroused and indignant, when they will turn around and put out every lamp by electing a committee pledged to do it.

Let those who do not want the town left in total darkness, those who favor just and equitable laws and assessments, act at once in this matter, by taking steps to secure a modification of the law which is sure to work more harm in the future, even than it has in the past.

ONE OF MANY.

We would call attention to the following extract from Proposition 11, one of the Amendments to the State Constitution, lately passed:

"The legislature shall not pass private, local or special laws, or any following enumerated cases that is to say:—
"Laying out, opening, altering and working roads or highways.
"Vacating any road, town plot, street, alley or public ground.
"Regulating the internal affairs of towns and municipalities, or the local offices or commissions to regulate municipal affairs.
"The legislature shall pass general laws providing for the cases enumerated in this paragraph, and all other cases which, in its judgment, may be provided for by general laws."

It will be idle for us to think of getting a "law like Montclair," or any special law whatever. The amendment quoted seems to have been framed purposely to guard towns against the evils of "special legislation,"—to protect us from just what the above correspondent finds fault with.

And since it is made obligatory that "the legislature shall pass general laws providing for the cases enumerated," it follows that we must wait patiently for a general township law to be enacted which shall regulate our internal affairs. It will not be even possible, as we interpret the law, for us to obtain a borough charter, as has been talked of. Instead of special acts for this or that town, we are to have one law for all towns, to suit individual requirements, we shall hereafter be clothed and vested after the ready-made fashion. Every town will have its legal garments cut and made like every other town. And we think the new dispensation, if we have a thoroughly good and competent Legislature to do the cutting and carving, will be a decided change for the better. This petty special legislation has been our curse long enough.

To return a moment, in conclusion, to "One of Many's" communication: If our gas law is generally obnoxious, let a petition for signatures be circulated in ample time, asking the legislature for its repeal and praying for a law (general if it must be) which shall enable us to light our town in an equitable and rational manner.

The October elections were carried by the Republicans in Ohio, Iowa and Nebraska by heavy majorities. The New York Charter election was also a triumph for the Republicans, Henry J. Yates gaining the victory over Andrew A. Small by 3,390 majority. Besides the Mayor, the Republicans elect thirteen out of the fifteen Aldermen, carry every ward except the Seventh and Twelfth. The Common Council will now stand nineteen Republicans and eleven Democrats.

Bloomfield Township Committee.

Regular meeting, Friday evening, Oct. 9, Present, Messrs. Sherman, Freeman, Oakes, Hayes and Baldwin.

Road Committee reported Forest ave. bridge, over Montclair railroad, to be in unsafe condition, many of the planks being decayed.

Sidewalk Committee reported plank walk on Bloomfield avenue completed, and returned an assessment upon property owners amounting to \$765.97.

On motion of Mr. Oakes, it was ordered that the assessments be made and listed in hands of the Collector for collection.

The following accounts were audited and ordered paid by orders on the Collector:

Williams & Plim, blank books, \$14.
William Colfax, Supplies for inside and outside poor, \$134.55.
Baldwin, Bros., Supplies for poor, \$380.05.

Israel Cox, \$6.34.
J. F. Folsom, \$100.

A petition of C. F. Hendricks for a plank sidewalk embracing 540 feet on the West side of Dodd street, near Myrtle street was granted and the same ordered to be put down in accordance with the sidewalk law.

Gaslight bill for April, May and June, \$1,652.29 ordered paid.

Payments to builders of new Aims-house being due, it was ordered that an order for \$500 be drawn in favor of the Overseer of the Poor.

On motion, the position of Town Counsel was declared to be vacant.

Montclair Township Affairs.

The Town Committee met in regular session on Wednesday evening, all the members being present.

The following bills were examined and ordered paid:

Geo. Simonsen, \$242.15, road account.

Wm. Jacobus, services as Assessor, \$500.

Peter Keen, \$6, roads.

Wm. P. Hughes, \$3.80, J. Carson, \$61.25, on account of roads.

E. B. Crane, \$34.68, road repairs to facilitate drainage in front of Jacobus Building.

P. P. Hurlburt, \$139.50, surveys for new streets and grades.

J. Dunn, for making arrests, \$11.88.

Bill of Mullen & Sutphen, for carriage hire, incurred by constable conveying prisoners to Newark, was laid over for further examination.

On motion, a sidewalk near Mrs. Taylor's property was ordered to be raised to relieve from standing water.

The Road Committee reported in reference to the delay in finishing improvement of Park street, by Mr. Boggs, that a little after eight o'clock, the audience, for the most part comprising members of the Westminster Congregation and Sabbath School, was called to order and a committee of five persons nominated and elected to judge of the merit and demerits of the dozen and a half pieces which had been sent in by the children,—one having been made, with out assistance, by a child not yet five years of age.

Said committee did not agree, so lots were cast, and the prize (five dollars) was awarded to the drawer of the fortunate number. These prizes were afterwards sold by the piece, the sale amounting to \$8.02.

A prize of five dollars had also been offered to the boy who would raise the largest pumpkin. The fortunate youth received that amount of cash, in exchange for 11½ lbs. of that vegetable. It was then put up and sold at auction three times, bringing respectively three, five, and six dollars. The sale of the remainder of the pumpkins, including one, "grown up in a tree" by the pastor, amounted to \$15.42, making the whole amount of sales \$37.42. Total amount paid into the Sunday School Missionary Society, \$47.44.

Refreshments were served, and the people went home carrying pleasant remembrances of the evening of October 14th.

Surely this people have heeded the message of the Master—"Go preach my Gospel."—Gather up the fragments, that nothing be lost.—Work while it is day;—Let your light shine.

Missionary Meeting at Westminster.

The Sunday School Missionary Association of this church held one of their quarterly meetings in the Chapel last Sunday night at which an unusually large audience was present.

The singing was spirited, led by the cornet and organ. A responsive reading exercise rendered by the large congregation, was also a marked and effective feature.

After an earnest prayer had been offered by Dr. Kennedy, pastor of the Church, Mr. Ludlam read a letter sent to the Association by Dr. Wayne Snowdon, from Nebraska, which was full of interest. Among other things it narrated somewhat in detail the organization of "The Westminster Union Sunday School," so named in honor of Bloomfield's Westminster.

Another letter from Wm. H. Denmore, Sunday School Missionary, was also read and is published, in another column.

Mr. J. Frank Fort of Newark had been invited to address the association, which he did with great zeal and eloquence. Beginning with a word of encouragement for the association's beneficent work, as shown by the letters he heard read, he said that from these small individual offerings in aid of missions the greatest results were to flow. Each Church and School adding its mite, the whole being at length a rushing torrent whose mighty influence for good could not be resisted. He proceeded to eulogize our American Christianity which was becoming an example in other civilized countries, where now the battlements of error were being torn down, the ultimate result of which must be the evangelization of the whole world. The speaker held that in order to successfully carry on the work of foreign missions we must establish in this country institutions of instruction in which to educate our own soil, the bestowment of other lands, who would then return and labor successfully as native missionaries in their own land.

In concluding, Mr. Fort encouraged the children of the Association in their project of contributing \$500, this year for missions, bringing a greater sum than many large churches in Newark give annually. The seed you now sow, he said, you may yet live to see harvested, and he hoped the time might come when the reading of letters in our churches, to announce the results of missionary work, would be dispensed with, because of the knowledge everywhere that all the world had become christianized.

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Mr. G. T. Moore, President of the Association, made some remarks of a practical nature, stating the amount necessary to be contributed during the ensuing quarter of the year in order to make up the whole of the \$500 which they had set out to raise.

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